

CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

Mission

The mission of the Naval War College is defined by the Chief of Naval Operations as:

... to enhance the professional capabilities of its students to make sound decisions in command, staff and management positions in naval, Joint and multinational environments; to provide students with a sound understanding of military strategy and operational art; to promote and instill in them joint attitudes and perspectives; and to lead in the development of the Navy's future strategy; to serve as a center for research and gaming leading to the development of advanced operational and warfighting concepts for the future employment of maritime, Joint and multinational forces; to investigate emerging concepts and technologies through operational experiments; to serve as the primary Navy institution for the development of operational warfighting concepts, naval doctrine, and Joint and maritime doctrine; to ensure naval and Joint doctrine are published and incorporated in training and education throughout the fleet; to represent the Navy with Joint and other Service battle laboratories, facilities, and tactical development commands.

Vision

The Naval War College is a premier center for naval and joint professional military education. As RADM Stephen B. Luce first envisioned, it is "...a place of original research on all questions relating to war, and to statesmanship connected with war, or the prevention of war." It is alma mater to many of the nation's and the world's national security leaders at the highest levels of government. Likewise, its faculty is acknowledged as representing the finest in academic, diplomatic and military service and intellect.

The Naval War College is an international crossroads where corporate, academic and government leaders meet to exchange innovative ideas that shape American and international economic, diplomatic and military policy options. The published works of NWC students and faculty are renowned as catalysts that spark debates on issues of global and national importance. The Naval War College and its graduates occupy a position unique among the nation's academic institutions and universities.

The Naval War College's students, faculty and staff exhibit the highest qualities of leadership, intellectual creativity and integrity, scholarship, collegiality and civic virtue.